

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building | (2) MEETING DATE 12/10/2013 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Kerry Brown, Planner /805-781-5713 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing the Department of Planning and Building to submit an application to the California Coastal Commission for a Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$222,250. District 2. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached resolution authorizing the Department of Planning and Building to submit an application to the California Coastal Commission for a Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant to aid in funding the Los Osos Community Plan update. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Current budget | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____ | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 2 | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Kerry Brown, Planner

VIA: Ellen Carroll, Planning Manager

DATE: 12/10/2013

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution authorizing the Department of Planning and Building to submit an application to the California Coastal Commission for a Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$222,250. District 2.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached resolution authorizing the Department of Planning and Building to submit an application to the California Coastal Commission for a Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant to aid in funding the Los Osos Community Plan update.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, your Board approved an update to the Estero Area Plan for submittal to the Coastal Commission. That Plan included an update to the policies, programs, standards, and land use maps for Los Osos. However, after the Coastal Commission staff expressed concerns about the Los Osos-portion of the Estero Area Plan update, that portion of the update was withdrawn, leaving the 1988 plan for Los Osos in effect. It remains in effect to this day.

In 2010, the Coastal Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit for the Los Osos wastewater project. The conditions of approval require that before wastewater treatment service can be provided to undeveloped parcels, the Estero Area Plan needs to be amended to:

1. Incorporate a sustainable buildout target that indicates that there is water available to support such development without impacts to wetlands and habitats, and
2. Integrate a Habitat Conservation Plan (currently underway) with Local Coastal Program standards for development in Los Osos.

On December 4, 2012, your Board authorized the Department to begin working on the Los Osos Community Plan update; that work is currently underway.

Recently, the Coastal Commission announced a Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant Program to support local government development and update of their Local Coastal Programs (LCPs). The purpose of these grants is to support local coastal planning to develop new LCPs for certification in areas that are not currently certified, or to update existing certified LCPs to reflect new information and changed conditions, especially in light of the effects of climate change, in a manner fully consistent with the policies of the California Coastal Act. The grant requires a Board of Supervisors resolution authorizing the grant application. Staff is seeking authorization at this time to submit an application under the Local Coastal Program Assistance Grant Program.

DISCUSSION

Staff requests that your Board approve the submittal of a grant application to the Coastal Commission for an amount not to exceed \$220,250. While the current Department budget includes funding for the Los Osos Community Plan update, staff expects that much of that funding will be used to prepare an Environmental Impact Report. However, this grant will allow the County, with the assistance of consultants, to include needed technical studies and tasks into the Los Osos Community Plan update. Some of the studies will provide data that will assist in preparation of the Environmental Impact Report. The grant application includes the following studies and tasks, which are important components of the update that will make it complete, up-to-date, and consistent with the Department's four "focus areas." In addition, staff expects that these studies, together with the required coordination on the grant with Coastal Commission staffs, will assist in gaining Coastal Commission approval of the update.

- Sea level rise study
- Traffic and circulation study update
- Economic strategy
- Archaeological update
- Tree master plan
- Public facilities financing plan
- Public participation program

The activities proposed for grant funding align completely with all four of the Department's focus areas that are based on the four guiding priorities established by your Board. The four focus areas are:

- Process improvements
- Energy
- Infrastructure
- Economic development

The grant-funded studies will enable the Los Osos Community Plan update to more effectively implement County General Plan and other policies, for example:

- Strategic growth policies in the Land Use Element/Local Coastal Plan
- Habitat conservation, greenhouse gas reduction and water conservation policies in the Conservation and Open Space Element
- Climate adaptation measures in the EnergyWise Plan.

If the Coastal Commission approves the grant application, Department staff will conduct a consultant selection process to hire consultants for the technical studies and tasks. Consultant contracts would be brought to your Board for approval as required.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Department of Planning and Building has primary responsibility for the grant application and administration and oversight of subsequent consultant work. The Public Works Department will be consulted on the Transportation Study.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This is a reimbursable grant that will require the County to expend project funds for professional services that will then be reimbursed through the Coastal Commission. Staff will request a mid-year FY 2013-14 budget adjustment to reflect the amount of the grant as approved by the Coastal Commission. This

budget adjustment will contain revenue and professional services. Although matching funds are not required for the grant, staff time will be used and proposed as an in-kind match. We expect to hear results of the grant awards by early 2014.

RESULTS

If the Coastal Commission approves the County's grant application, the County, with consultant assistance, will complete the needed technical studies in conjunction with the Los Osos Community Plan update. These technical studies will help provide the resources to complete the Los Osos Community Plan update and Environmental Impact Report. This will help facilitate long-awaited future development on vacant parcels within the Los Osos Prohibition Zone, benefitting the local economy.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Board resolution